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C O N F I D E N T I A L PANAMA 05616

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PEPR, PN
SUBJECT: PANAMANIAN DEBTS TO PANAMA CANAL COMPANY/CANAL
ZONE GOVERNMENT

REF: STATE 177466

1. I JOGGED PRESIDENT LAKAS REGARDING PROBLEM OF OUT-
STANDING DEBTS OWED BY HIS GOVERNMENT TO PAN CANAL AND HE
ASSIGNED MINISTER BARLETTA TO QUOTE DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT
UNQUOTE. WE HAD FIRST MEETING THIS WEEK TO RESOLVE THIS
QUESTION. IT WAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE BARLETTA AWARE
OF THE PROBLEM AND TO INFORM HIM OF THE VARIOUS TYPES OF
DEBTS OUTSTANDING. HE PLANS TO GET TOGETHER WITH OTHER
CONCERNED ELEMENTS OF GOP THIS WEEK AND NEXT--I.E. FOREIGN
AFFAIRS, IDAAN, IPAT, ETC--TO GET THEIR VIEWS. HE PROMISED
TO MEET WITH ME IN TEN DAYS TO BEGIN RESOLUTION OF ALL
ASPECTS, INCLUDING METHOD OF REPAYMENT AND TIME FOR SAME.
I WILL KEEP PRESSURE ON AND HOPE TO HAVE THIS RESOLVED
BEFORE I LEAVE.

2. I WAS ACCOMPANIED TO MEETING BY PAN CANAL'S FINANCIAL
VICE PRESIDENT BJORNSETH AND ECON'S GLEASON. WILL KEEP
YOU INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS. JORDEN

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